ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An image recording and/or reproducing method is adapted to a system provided with a plurality of image processing apparatuses which have functions of recording and/or reproducing image data and are coupled via one or a plurality of networks. The method includes transmitting an instruction from a first image processing apparatus with respect to a second image processing apparatus by an electronic mail, and returning a status report related to the second image processing apparatus to the first image processing apparatus by an electronic mail, in response to the instruction received by the electronic mail.